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To establish a National Physical Fitness and Sports Foundation to carry out activities to support and supplement the mission of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, and for other purposes.

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Mr. EHRLICH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Physical Fit-
5 ness and Sports Foundation Establishment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE OF FOUNDATION.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established the Na-
3 tional Physical Fitness and Sports Foundation (herein-
4 after in this Act referred to as the “Foundation”). The
5 Foundation shall be a charitable and not-for-profit cor-
6 poration and shall not be an agency or establishment of
7 the United States.

8 (b) PURPOSES.—It is the purpose of the Foundation
9 to—

10 (1) in conjunction with the President’s Council
11 on Physical Fitness and Sports, develop a list and
12 description of programs, events and other activities
13 which would further the goals outlined in Executive
14 Order 12345 and with respect to which combined
15 private and governmental efforts would be beneficial;
16 and

17 (2) encourage and promote the participation by
18 private organizations in the activities referred to in
19 paragraph (1) and to encourage and promote private
20 gifts of money and other property to support those
21 activities.

22 (c) DISPOSITION OF MONEY AND PROPERTY.—At
23 least annually the Foundation shall transfer, after the de-
24 duction of the administrative expenses of the Foundation,
25 the balance of any contributions received for the activities
26 referred to in subsection (b), to the Public Health Service

1 Gift Fund pursuant to section 231 of the Public Health
2 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 238) for expenditure pursuant to
3 the provisions of that section and consistent with the pur-
4 poses for which the funds were donated.

5 **SEC. 3. BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FOUNDATION.**

6 (a) ESTABLISHMENT AND MEMBERSHIP.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Foundation shall have a
8 governing Board of Directors (hereinafter referred
9 to in this Act as the “Board”), which shall consist
10 of nine Directors, to be appointed not later than 90
11 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
12 each of whom shall be a United States citizen and—

13 (A) three of whom must be knowledgeable
14 or experienced in one or more fields directly
15 connected with physical fitness, sports, or the
16 relationship between health status and physical
17 exercise; and

18 (B) six of whom must be leaders in the
19 private sector with a strong interest in physical
20 fitness, sports, or the relationship between
21 health status and physical exercise (one of
22 whom shall be a representative of the United
23 States Olympic Committee).

1 The membership of the Board, to the extent prac-
2 ticable, shall represent diverse professional special-
3 ties relating to the achievement of physical fitness
4 through regular participation in programs of exer-
5 cise, sports, and similar activities.

6 (2) EX OFFICIO MEMBERS.—The Assistant Sec-
7 retary for Health, the Executive Director of the
8 President’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports,
9 the Director for the National Center for Chronic
10 Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, the Di-
11 rector of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Insti-
12 tute and the Director for the Centers for Disease
13 Control and Prevention shall serve as ex officio, non-
14 voting members of the Board.

15 (3) NOT FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT.—Appoint-
16 ment to the Board or service as a member of the
17 staff of the Board shall not constitute employment
18 by, or the holding of an office of, the United States
19 for the purposes of any Federal employment or other
20 law.

21 (b) APPOINTMENT AND TERMS.—

22 (1) APPOINTMENT.—Of the members of the
23 Board appointed under subsection (a)(1), three shall
24 be appointed by the Secretary of Health and Human
25 Services (hereinafter referred to in this Act as the

1 “Secretary”), two shall be appointed by the majority
2 leader of the Senate, one shall be appointed by the
3 minority leader of the Senate, two shall be appointed
4 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and
5 one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the
6 House of Representatives. The three members ap-
7 pointed by the Secretary shall include the represent-
8 ative of the United States Olympic Committee.

9 (2) TERMS.—Members appointed to the Board
10 under subsection (a)(1) shall serve for a term of 6
11 years. A vacancy on the Board shall be filled within
12 60 days of the date on which such vacancy occurred
13 in the manner in which the original appointment was
14 made. A member appointed to fill a vacancy shall
15 serve for the balance of the term of the individual
16 who was replaced. No individual may serve more
17 than two consecutive terms as a Director.

18 (c) CHAIRPERSON.—A Chairperson shall be elected
19 by the Board from among its members and serve for a
20 2-year term. The Chairperson shall not be limited in terms
21 or service. The Chairman of the President’s Council on
22 Physical Fitness and Sports shall serve as Chairperson
23 until a Chairperson is elected by the Board.

1 (d) QUORUM.—A majority of the sitting members of
2 the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction
3 of business.

4 (e) MEETINGS.—The Board shall meet at the call of
5 the Chairperson, but in no event less than once each year.
6 If a Director misses three consecutive regularly scheduled
7 meetings, that individual may be removed from the Board
8 and the vacancy filled in accordance with subsection
9 (b)(2).

10 (f) REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES.—The members
11 of the Board shall serve without pay. The members of the
12 Board shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem
13 in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for employees
14 of agencies under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5,
15 United States Code, while away from their homes or regu-
16 lar places of business in the performance of services for
17 the Board.

18 (g) GENERAL POWERS.—

19 (1) ORGANIZATION.—The Board may complete
20 the organization of the Foundation by—

21 (A) appointing officers and employees;

22 (B) adopting a constitution and bylaws
23 consistent with the purposes of the Foundation
24 and the provisions of this Act; and

1 (C) undertaking such other acts as may be
2 necessary to carry out the provisions of this
3 Act.

4 In establishing bylaws under this paragraph, the
5 Board shall provide for policies with regard to finan-
6 cial conflicts of interest and ethical standards for the
7 acceptance, solicitation, and disposition of donations
8 and grants to the Foundation.

9 (2) LIMITATIONS ON OFFICERS AND EMPLOY-
10 EES.—The following limitations apply with respect
11 to the appointment of officers and employees of the
12 Foundation:

13 (A) Officers and employees may not be ap-
14 pointed until the Foundation has sufficient
15 funds to compensate such individuals for their
16 service. No individual so appointed may receive
17 pay in excess of the annual rate of basic pay in
18 effect for Executive Level V in the Federal
19 service.

20 (B) The first officer or employee appointed
21 by the Board shall be the secretary of the
22 Board who—

23 (i) shall serve, at the direction of the
24 Board, as its chief operating officer; and

1 (ii) shall be knowledgeable and experi-
2 enced in matters relating to physical fit-
3 ness and sports.

4 (C) No Public Health Service employee nor
5 the spouse or dependent relative of such an em-
6 ployee may serve as an officer or member of the
7 Board of Directors or as an employee of the
8 Foundation.

9 (D) Any individual who is an officer, em-
10 ployee, or member of the Board of the Founda-
11 tion may not (in accordance with the policies
12 developed under paragraph (1)(B)) personally
13 or substantially participate in the consideration
14 or determination by the Foundation of any mat-
15 ter that would directly or predictably affect any
16 financial interest of the individual or a relative
17 (as such term is defined in section 109(16) of
18 the Ethics in Government Act of 1978) of the
19 individual, of any business organization or other
20 entity, or of which the individual is an officer
21 or employee, or is negotiating for employment,
22 or in which the individual has any other finan-
23 cial interest.

24 **SEC. 4. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE FOUNDATION.**

25 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Foundation—

1 (1) shall have perpetual succession;

2 (2) may conduct business throughout the sev-
3 eral States, territories, and possessions of the Unit-
4 ed States;

5 (3) shall locate its principal offices in or near
6 the District of Columbia; and

7 (4) shall at all times maintain a designated
8 agent authorized to accept service of process for the
9 Foundation.

10 The serving of notice to, or service of process upon, the
11 agent required under paragraph (4), or mailed to the busi-
12 ness address of such agent, shall be deemed as service
13 upon or notice to the Foundation.

14 (b) SEAL.—The Foundation shall have an official seal
15 selected by the Board which shall be judicially noticed.

16 (c) POWERS.—To carry out the purposes under sec-
17 tion 2, the Foundation shall have the usual powers of a
18 corporation acting as a trustee in the District of Columbia,
19 including the power—

20 (1) except as otherwise provided herein, to ac-
21 cept, receive, solicit, hold, administer, and use any
22 gift, devise, or bequest, either absolutely or in trust,
23 of real or personal property or any income therefrom
24 or other interest therein;

1 (2) to acquire by purchase or exchange any real
2 or personal property or interest therein;

3 (3) unless otherwise required by the instrument
4 of transfer, to sell, donate, lease, invest, reinvest, re-
5 tain, or otherwise dispose of any property or income
6 therefrom;

7 (4) to sue and be sued, and complain and de-
8 fend itself in any court of competent jurisdiction, ex-
9 cept for gross negligence;

10 (5) to enter into contracts or other arrange-
11 ments with public agencies and private organizations
12 and persons and to make such payments as may be
13 necessary to carry out its functions; and

14 (6) to do any and all acts necessary and proper
15 to carry out the purposes of the Foundation.

16 For purposes of this Act, an interest in real property shall
17 be treated as including, among other things, easements or
18 other rights for preservation, conservation, protection, or
19 enhancement by and for the public of natural, scenic, his-
20 toric, scientific, educational, inspirational, or recreational
21 resources. A gift, devise, or bequest may be accepted by
22 the Foundation even though it is encumbered, restricted,
23 or subject to beneficial interests of private persons if any
24 current or future interest therein is for the benefit of the
25 Foundation.

1 **SEC. 5. PROTECTION AND USES OF TRADEMARKS AND**
2 **TRADE NAMES.**

3 (a) PROTECTION.—Without the consent of the Foun-
4 dation, in conjunction with the President's Council on
5 Physical Fitness and Sports, any person who uses for the
6 purpose of trade, to induce the sale of any goods or serv-
7 ices, or to promote any theatrical exhibition, athletic per-
8 formance, or competition—

9 (1) the official seal of the President's Council
10 on Physical Fitness and Sports consisting of the
11 eagle holding an olive branch and arrows with shield
12 breast encircled by the name "President's Council on
13 Physical Fitness and Sports";

14 (2) the official seal of the Foundation; and

15 (3) any trademark, trade name, sign, symbol,
16 or insignia falsely representing association with, or
17 authorization by, the President's Council on Physical
18 Fitness and Sports or the Foundation;

19 shall be subject in a civil action by the Foundation for
20 the remedies provided for in the Act of July 5, 1946 (60
21 Stat. 427; commonly known as the Trademark Act of
22 1946).

23 (b) USES.—The Foundation, in conjunction with the
24 President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, may
25 authorize contributors and suppliers of goods or services

1 to use the trade name of the President's Council on Phys-
2 ical Fitness and Sports and the Foundation, as well as
3 any trademark, seal, symbol, insignia, or emblem of the
4 President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports or the
5 Foundation, in advertising that the contributions, goods
6 or services when donated, supplied, furnished to or for the
7 use of, approved, selected, or used by the President's
8 Council on Physical Fitness and Sports or the Founda-
9 tion.

10 **SEC. 6. VOLUNTEER STATUS.**

11 The Foundation may accept, without regard to the
12 civil service classification laws, rules, or regulations, the
13 services of volunteers in the performance of the functions
14 authorized herein, in the same manner as provided for
15 under section 7(c) of the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956
16 (16 U.S.C. 742f(c)).

17 **SEC. 7. AUDIT, REPORT REQUIREMENTS, AND PETITION OF**

18 **ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR EQUITABLE RE-**

19 **LIEF.**

20 (a) AUDITS.—For purposes of Public Law 88–504
21 (36 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.), the Foundation shall be treated
22 as a private corporation under Federal law. The Inspector
23 General of the Department of Health and Human Services
24 and the Comptroller General of the United States shall

1 have access to the financial and other records of the Foun-
2 dation, upon reasonable notice.

3 (b) REPORT.—The Foundation shall, as soon as prac-
4 ticable after the end of each fiscal year, transmit to the
5 Secretary and to Congress a report of its proceedings and
6 activities during such year, including a full and complete
7 statement of its receipts, expenditures, and investments.

8 (c) RELIEF WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN FOUNDA-
9 TION ACTS OR FAILURE TO ACT.—If the Foundation—
10 (1) engages in, or threatens to engage in, any
11 act, practice, or policy that is inconsistent with the
12 purposes described in section 2(b); or

13 (2) refuses, fails, or neglects to discharge its
14 obligations under this Act, or threatens to do so;
15 the Attorney General may petition in the United States
16 District Court for the District of Columbia for such equi-
17 table relief as may be necessary or appropriate.

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